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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)			Docket No. PA-9720
In Re Application Of: N. Thomas			
Serial No. 09/555,102	Filing Date July 17, 2000	Examiner G. Gabel	Group Art Unit 1641
Invention: Multiple Assay Method			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>June 18, 2002</u> above-identified application. <i>Date</i></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months</p> <p>from: <u>September 18, 2002</u> until: <u>December 18, 2002</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i></p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is \$920 and is to be paid as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500-588 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 500-588 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">Dated: November 19, 2002</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="width: 45%;"><p style="text-align: center;"><i>Signature</i></p><p>Stephen G. Ryan Amersham Biosciences Corp 800 Centennial Avenue Piscataway, New Jersey 08855</p><p>(732) 457-8071 Reg. No.: 39,015</p></div><div style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on November 19, 2002 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><hr/><p style="text-align: center;"><i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p><p style="text-align: center;">Melissa Leck</p><hr/><p style="text-align: center;"><i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p></div></div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"><p>cc:</p></div>			

UNOFFICIAL PROPOSED AMENDMENT**Via Facsimile No.: (703) 308-4242****No. of Pages: 34 (including the facsimile transmittal cover sheet)****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1641**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:	N. Thomas	Group Art Unit:	1641
Serial Number:	09/555,102	Examiner:	G. Gabel
Filed:	July 17, 2000	Docket No:	PA9720
For:	Multiple Assay Method		

Response to Office Action
(RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION)

November 19, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, (a Combined Notice of Appeal and) a petition to extend the period of response three months from September 18, 2002, up to and including December 18, 2002.